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1. IN THE WAKE OF SERIOUS STUDENT RIOTS IN ISTANBUL THURSDAY, MOST FRIDAY (APRIL 25) EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS GAVE ONLY MINOR PLAY TO ASST. SEC. HARTMAN'S VISIT TO ATHENS. SHORT STORIES, BASED ON WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS, APPEARED IN SEVERAL DAILIES, MAINLY ON INSIDE PAGES. THESE STORIES NOTED THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD MET WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS. THEY CITED "POLITICAL OBSERVERS" IN ATHENS AS SAYING THAT THE ASST. SEC. HAS BEEN WORKING FOR A SOLUTION TO TURCO-GREEK DIFFERENCES AND, WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, A MEETING BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK LEADERS.

2. IN CONTRAST TO THESE STORIES, FAR LEFT YENI ORTAM CARRIED UNCLASSIFIED

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AN ANKARA DATELINED FRONT PAGE STORY BEARING THE HEADLINE:

"HARTMAN GIVES ATHENS THE GOOD NEWS-ALTHOUGH DEMIREL DID NOT GIVE ADVANCE CONCESSIONS, HE HAS MADE SOME COMMITMENTS." THE YENI ORTAM ARTICLE, CITING "WELL INFORMED SOURCES IN ATHENS" SAID AFTER HARTMAN'S VISIT TO ATHENS, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE SOME COMMITMENTS AT A CONFERENCE CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE AEGEAN QUESTION.

3. IN OTHER COVERAGE CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN CARRIED AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL WHICH IN PART DEALT WITH MR. HARTMAN'S VISIT TO ANKARA. MR. DEMIREL REPORTEDLY SAID:

" U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE HARTMAN TALKED TO OUR OFFICIALS AND GAVE ME INFORMATION TOO. I TOLD HIM ABOUT TURKEY'S OBJECTIVES WITHIN THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. TURKEY HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED A PEACE-LOVING POLICY. SHE HAS BEEN THE FRIEND OF WHOEVER HAS BEEN FRIENDLY. WHAT SADDENS US IS THE SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS THROUGH NO FAULT OF OURS. WE HAVE DONE THE USA NO BAD TURN. IT IS A HOSTILE ATTITUDE FOR THE USA TO IMPOSE AN EMBARGO ON ARMS OVER CYPRUS. TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. I EXPECT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WILL APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF THIS FRIENDSHIP. THIS IS NOT A ONE-SIDED FRIENDSHIP. THAT IS, IT IS NOT FUNCTIONING FOR TURKEY'S BENEFIT ONLY. TURKEY HAS AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE WORLD. SHE IS A GREAT POWER. WE HAVE HAD VERY GOOD RELATIONS FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE FOR MUD TO BE SLUNG AT THESE RELATIONS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF TURKEY'S, OVER CERTAIN SLIGHT FRICTIONS OF LATE. I SAW MR. HARTMAN AS A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE WHO THINKS AS WE DO ABOUT U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS."

4. IN RELATED COVERAGE, PRO-RPP BARIS AND LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET GAVE MINOR PLAY TO A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT BY RPP DEPUTY NECATI CEBE. THE DEPUTY ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL TO COMMENT ON CHARGES THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD BROUGHT NO PROPOSAL TO ANKARA WAS DESIGNED TO OBSCURE ASPECTS OF AMERICAN POLICY DISAGREEABLE TO THE TURKISH PEOPLES.

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5. IN COMMENTARY, CUMHURIYET'S COLUMNIST, UGUR MUMCU, ASKED WHY MR. HARTMAN CAME TO ANKARA IF NOT FOR CONCESSIONS. ANOTHER CUMHURIYET COLUMNIST, ALI SIRMEN, ASKED WHY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DENIED THAT CONCESSIONS HAD BEEN SOUGHT WHILE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT REMAINED SILENT. MACOMBER

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